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GOV. EASLEY ANNOUNCES STATE AMERICORPS MEMBERS WILL HONOR DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. WITH DAY OF SERVICE

RALEIGH – Gov. Mike Easley announced today that AmeriCorps members across the state will honor Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. with a day of service by building houses, making quilts, serving in soup kitchens and working in other schools, churches and nonprofit organizations.

"Our AmeriCorps members work everyday to strengthen and improve our communities," Easley said. "This day of service is a way they can honor Dr. King's philosophy of peace, equality and unity for people across the state."

Following are projects AmeriCorps members will complete for the Martin Luther King Jr. Day of Service:

Sallie B. Howard School, AmeriCorps Cares (Wilson)

Members will serve as attendants at the Martin Luther King Jr. prayer breakfast on Monday, Jan 17, at the Darden Alumni Association, 1600 Lipscomb Road in Wilson. For more information, please contact Linda Coley at 252-293-4150 ext. 230.

Black Child Development, Spirit of Excellence (Greensboro)

University of North Carolina at Greensboro, ACCESS (Greensboro)

Members will make banners and march in the Martin Luther King Jr. Day parade on Monday, Jan. 17, at 11 a.m. in downtown Greensboro. For more information, please contact Stephanie Willis at 336-334-5411.

East Carolina School of Education, Project HEART (Greenville)

Members will travel to various Greenville nonprofit agencies and serve from 9 a.m. to noon on Monday, Jan 17. At 5:30 p.m. members will march in a candlelight vigil held at East Carolina University. For more information, please contact Mickey Beaujean at 252-328-4357.

Stokes Partnership for Children, AmeriCorps and Children Together (Winston-Salem)

Members will beautify grounds, clean living areas and cook for families at the Ronald McDonald House at 419 South Hawthorne Road in Winston-Salem on Monday, Jan. 17, at 9 a.m. For more information, please contact Kris Higgins at 336-985-2676.

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